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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants hereby wish to make of record the references listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patent documents are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted:

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Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 listing documents believed to be relevant to the above-captioned application. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner. The relevance of each non-English document will be discussed as follows:

**REMARKS:**

None.

This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone promptly so that any deficiency can be remedied.

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